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SUBJECT: MARCH 30 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDONESIA

SUHARTO RESHUFFLED CABINET WEDS INCREASING MIL REPRESENTATION
TO ALMOST HALF/EXCLUDING MINORITY PARTIES FROM GOVT FOR 1ST
TIME IN HIS 10-YR PRESIDENCY. MILITARY IN CABINET CONSIST
MAINLY OF GENERALS WHO ACTIVELY HELPED HIM CRUSH COMMUNIST
COUP ATTEMPT IN '65. PRES ALSO ANNOUNCED APPOINTMENT 3 MINS
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TO NEW ROLES OF DEPT COORDINATORS IN ATTEMPT STREAMLINE
ADMIN--GEN MARADEN PANGGABEAN FOR POL/SEC, PROF WIJOYO
NITISASTRO FOR ECON, GEN SURONO FOR WELFARE (REUTER JAKARTA
3/29).

2. CAMBODIA/VIETNAM

FOR 1ST TIME IN SEVERAL WKS, CAMBODIA HAS ACCUSED SRV OF
AGGRESSIVE ACTS, INCL AERIAL BOMBING/SABOTAGE/GUERRILLA
INFILTRATION ALONG BORDER. RADIO PP SAID VIET WARPLANES

FLEW SEVERAL MISSIONS OVER EASTERN CAMBODIA IN LAST 8 DAYS/
BOMBED CIVIL TARGETS UP TO 10 KILOMETERS W/IN BORDER (CSM'S
MORITZ HK).

3. INDOCHINA

ACCORDING UPI (CADILLAC, MICH, BALTO NA 3/28), MANUFACTURER JOE THOMPSON HAS BEEN UNABLE PLACE AD IN MAJOR NEWSPAPERS FOR HIS T-SHIRTS WHICH CARRY SLOGAN: "PARTICIPANT, SOUTH-EAST ASIA WAR GAMES, 1961-1975, SECOND PLACE." THOMPSON, WHO SUPPORTED VN WAR, SAID HIS ADS URGE VIET VETS BE 1ST TO OWN SHIRTS, WHICH HE BOUGHT THRU AD IN "NAVY AND ARMY TIMES." SINCE THEN HE SAID PENTAGON DECIDED ADS BAD FOR MORALE--"I GUESS THEY WOULD JUST AS SOON FORGET THE WHOLE THING."

4. CHINA

NCNA REPORTS "CHINA INTL TRAVEL SERVICE" DEL LEFT FOR PEKING WEDS FOR "FRIENDLY VISIT" TO US (REUTER HK 3/29).

AT WEDS NIGHT PEKING BANQUET HONORING VISITING THAI PREMIER, TENG HSIAO-PING REAFFIRMED PRC'S SUPPORT FOR UNCLASSIFIED

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ASEAN (REUTER'S MACKENZIE, PEKING 3/29).

IN LTR TO NYT, "TINLEY N AKAR, PRESS AND INFORMATION, THE OFFICE OF TIBET," NYC, AFFIRMS TIBET'S INDEPENDENCE/ DENOUNCES "PEKING REGIME'S POINT OF VIEW" ON THIS. ASSERTS TIBETAN GOVT "WAS AND HAS BEEN" RECOGNIZED/ACCEPTED BY TIBETAN PEOPLE AS LEGITIMATE GOVT OF TIBET.

5. HONG KONG

UPI (HK) REPORTS LEGISLATIVE COUNCILLOR JAS WU CALLED ON HK GOVT WEDS TO INCREASE ITS EFFORT TO HELP COLONY COMPETE W/OTHER INDUSTRIAL NATIONS (JOC).

6. JAPAN

FON MINISTRY SPOKESMAN SAID THURS WORLD ECON/CURRENCY PROBLEMS WILL BE MAJOR TOPIC AT 5/3 FUKUDA-CARTER SUMMIT MTG IN WASHINGTON. INTL POL MATTERS ALSO ON AGENDA, INCL SITUATIONS IN ASIA/MIDEAST. FUKUDA DUE LEAVE TOKYO 4/30 (REUTER TOKYO).

PAPERS GIVE CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE BANK OF JAPAN'S DECISION ABANDON DOLLAR SUPPORT EFFORTS. AFTER TOKYO EXCHANGE CLOSED 3/29, BANK GOV MORINAGA ANNOUNCED DECISION TO REPORTERS, ACKNOWLEDGING BANK'S LARGE-SCALE INTERVENTION THIS WK HAS NOT STOPPED DOLLAR'S SLIDE.

DOLLAR HAS SLUMPED TO NEW LOW EVERY DAY THIS WK, HITTING
221.60 YEN WEDS. FUKUDA EXPECTED TAKE ISSUE UP W/CARTER
AT SUMMIT, ALSO W/COUNCIL ON ECON ADVISORS CHRMN

SCHULTZE DURING HIS TOKYO VISIT MID-APRIL (CHAPMAN, WP
TOKYO; OFUSA, NYT TOKYO; REUTER TOKYO; WSJ; JOC TOKYO).

NARITA AIRPORT OPPONENTS HAVE POSTPONED "VICTORY
RALLY"--PLANNED IN CELEBRATION GOJ'S DECISION DELAY
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AIRPORT'S OPENING--UNTIL SUNDAY. RADICALS GAVE NO
REASON FOR MOVE, BUT WAS THOUGHT MORE PEOPLE WOULD BE
ABLE ATTEND ON WEEKEND. AUTHORITIES HAVE REPORTED
FINDING 7 HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC HARPOONS HIDDEN IN
BUSHES NEAR AIRPORT/NOW PREPARING FOR NEW VIOLENCE FROM
DEMONSTRATORS (REUTER TOKYO).

WP'S CHAPMAN (TOKYO) REPORTS NARITA RIOT HAS PROVOKED
NEW DEMANDS THAT GOJ CURB VIOLENCE W/TOUGH LAWS/SUR-
VEILLANCE OF EXTREMISTS/MORE HEAVILY-ARMED POLICE
FORCE. DIET MEMBERS CALLING FOR NEW LEGISLATION
DESIGNED PREVENT SUCH ATTACKS, AND FUKUDA HAS PROMISED
STRONG MEASURES PRESERVE LAW/ORDER. NO DETAILS GIVEN.

JAPANESE AUTO MFRS MUST SUBMIT EXPORT SHIPMENT PROGRAMS
TO MITI BEGINNING APRIL IN MOVE DESIGNED HOLD TOTAL
FY'78 EXPORTS TO LAST YR'S LEVEL (CULLISON, JOC TOKYO).
MEANWHILE, TOYOTA SAYS VEHICLE EXPORTS COULD TAPER OFF
LATER THIS YR DUE INCREASED PRICES FOLLOWING YEN APPRE-
CIATION (REUTER TOKYO, 3/29).

IKI ISLAND FISHERMEN, IGNORING INT'L OUTCRY, HAVE
DROWNED 100 PORPOISES THEY CLAIMED WERE AFFECTING THEIR
LIVELIHOOD (REUTER IKI ISLAND).

JOINT US-JAPAN HUNT FOR OFFSHORE OIL NEAR N JAPAN
CALLED OFF AFTER NO SIGNS DEPOSITS FOUND (UPI, JOC).

NATURAL RESOURCES/ENERGY AGENCY HAS SET UP DEPT TO
HANDLE NATL OIL STOCKPILING. GOJ EXPECTED WIN DTET
APPROVAL OF PLAN BOOST OIL STOCKPILES TO 10 MILLION
KILOLITERS BY FY'85 (UPI, JOC).

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7. KOREA

IN CLOSED-DOOR SEN TESTIMONY 3/29, TONGSUN PARK SAID HE
MADE SECRET CASH DONATIONS TO HELP REELECT BIRCH BAYH

(D-IND) IN '74/LATE JOHN MCCLELLAN (D-ARK) IN '72.
SOURCES SAID PARK CLAIMED DONATIONS SOLICITED BY CAMPAIGN
AIDES, AND HE NEVER DISCUSSED THEM DIRECTLY W/EITHER
SEN (LAT'S JACKSON, 3/29). BAYH DESCRIBED AS "UNBE-
LIEVABLE" TONGSUN PARK'S STATEMENT, WHILE FORMER STAFFER
FLATLY DENIED RECEIVING ANY SUCH MONEY. BAYH TOLD 3/29
PRESS CONF HE KNEW PARK SOCIALLY, BUT THAT HE HAD

DECLINED HIS OFFER OF CONTRIBUTION (REUTER 3/29).

IN REPORT TO PRES PARK AT TRADE PROMO MTG WEDS, SK
FONMIN PARK TONG-JIN SAID ACTIVE DIPLO EFFORTS WILL BE
MADE TO HELP EXPAND TRADE W/EC. ADDED THAT IN ORDER
IMPORT MORE FROM EC, SK SHOULD IMPORT LESS FROM US/JAPAN
(UPI, JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

8. INDOCHINA REFUGEES

CSM'S MORTIZ DOES PIECE (BANGKOK) ON PLIGHT LAOTIAN/
CAMBODIAN REFUGEES, WHICH, HE SAYS "HAS LARGELY
ESCAPED PUBLIC NOTICE." NOTES BIGGEST PROBLEM IS
RESETTLEMENT 100,000 LIVING IN THAI CAMPS, SINCE MANY
HAVE NO FINANCIAL RESOURCES/JOB SKILLS. SAYS THEY HAVE
FLED FAR GREATER PERILS THAN THEIR VIET COUNTERPARTS,
THAT RETURN TO THEIR COUNTRIES WOULD MEAN "CERTAIN
IMPRISONMENT OR EXECUTION." SAYS REPATRAITION VIET
REFUGEES WOULD BE FAR EASIER, BUT NEWS ACCOUNTS/INTL POL
REACTION FOCUS LARGEY ON VIETS WHILE EFFORTS RESETTLE
LAOTIANS/CAMBODIANS LAG FAR BEHIND.

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9. THAILAND

REUTER'S ROGERS (CHIANG MAI, LAT 3/29) WRITES ABOUT CROP
SUBSTITUTION USED TO ENCOURAGE HILL TRIBESMEN IN "GOLDEN
TRIANGLE" STOP GROWING OPIUM POPPIES. NOTES MAIN
OBJECTIVE IS DESIRE OF THAIS/NEIGHBORS STOP FLOW OPIUM
TO WORLD MKTS, BUT CITES OTHER BENEFICIAL EFFECTS PILOT
PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY IN SEVERAL NORTHERN HILL AREAS,
INCL CONSERVATION FOREST LAND AT PRESENT LAID WASTE BY
"SLASH/BURN" AGRIC/PROVISION PERMANENT SETTLEMENTS FOR
NOMADIC/OFTEN STATELESS HILL TRIBES.

ROGERS CITES SUCH ORGS AS UN PROGRAM FOR DRUG CONTROL/
HILL TRIBE DEVEL PROJ OF KING BHUMIBOL/VARIOUS THAI
DEPARTS INVOLVED IN CORP SUBSTITUTION. SAYS KING'S
PROJ CHIEF PRINCE BHISATEJ RAJANEEL CALLS GOLDEN TRIANGLE
"POVERTY TRIANGLE," SINCE TRIBESMEN DO NOT BENEFIT FROM
HIGH PRICES HEROIN BRINGS. SAYS THEY COULD EARN SEVERAL

TIMES AS MUCH FROM SUBSTITUTE CROPS, SUCH AS MUSHROOMS/STRAWBERRIES/PEACHES/APPLES/KIDNEY BEANS/COFFEE/PYRETHRUM/TOBACCO/LETTUCE/CABBAGE/TEA/FLOWERS.

10. JAPAN

KILIAN (CHITRIB) BELIEVES AIRPORT PROTESTORS SOMEWHAT JUSTIFIED. DENIGRATES "HOLY WRIT" OF JAPAN'S INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION, SAYING ORWELL'S "BIG BROTHER" RULES JAPAN FROM CORPORATE BOARD ROOM. STATES "HIDEOUS PRICE" FOR ALL OF JAPAN'S PROGRESS HAS BEEN DESTRUCTION OF ALL THAT WAS ONCE BEAUTIFUL THERE. SAYS W/THEIR SHOUTS/ROCKS/FIREBOMBS, PROTESTORS "MAY ACTUALLY BE TRYING TO TELL US SOMETHING."

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THORPE (WSJ TOKYO) SEES AIRPORT VIOLENCE AS DRAMATIZING MORE POWERFULLY THAN ANY PREVIOUS INCIDENTS PROBLEMS/POOR PREPARATION ASSOCIATED W/ALL FACETS NARITA AIRPORT. CITES EXAMPLES OF FORMER, ADDING THAT AIRLINES ALSO UNENTHUSIASTIC OVER FACILITY'S DISTANCE FROM DOWNTOWN TOKYO/HEFTY LANDING FEES.

MALCOLM (NYT NARITA) INTERVIEWS FARMER/PROTESTORS WHO PROCLAIM, "WE WILL CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE FOREVER." TALKS W/ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF PROTESTORS, ISSAKU TOMURA, WHO SEES AIRPORT FACILITATING WHAT HE TERMS ECON AGGRESSION AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. VIEWS ITS CONSTRUCTION AS FURTHER STEP TOWARD JAPAN'S MILITARIZATION, SINCE IT COULD BE USED AS BASE. CLAIMS MOVEMENT HAS BEEN ABLE MAINTAIN FERVOR BECAUSE IT'S MADE UP OF FARMERS WHO MAKE LIVING INDEPENDENT OF "CAPITALISTS."

11. KOREA

SUN'S LEWTHWAITE STATES JAWORSKI/DOS LOCKED IN BATTLE OVER DIPLO IMMUNITY CENTERED ON FORMER SK ABM KIM DONG JO. SAYS STRUGGLE "BEING ANXIOUSLY MONITORED" BY FON EMBS IN WASHINGTON, WHICH WORRIED THAT "DANGEROUS PRECEDENT" JEOPARDIZING NORMAL EXERCISE INT'L RELS COULD BE SET. QUOTES SOURCE "CLOSELY INVOLVED" IN CLASH WHO ARGUES US WOULDN'T WANT REVOLUTIONARY STATES HAULING IN US AMBS AND ASKING, "WHO DID YOU PAY OFF AND WHAT DID YOU DO?" SEES UPCOMING VOTE ON ADMIN'S 275-MIL-DOL SECURITY ASSISTANCE REQUEST FOR SK KEY POINT. SAYS IF THIS NOT BLOCKED, IT WILL BE CONSIDERED GOOD SIGN FOR SUBSEQUENT APPROVAL 800-MIL-DOL ARMS TRANSFER WELL AS BLOW TO JAWORSKI'S EFFORTS QUESTION KIM.

12. CHINA

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WSJ'S KRAMER (HK) SEES PRC EFFORTS REHABILITATE REPUTATION OF BIOLOGIST CHU HSI AS PART OF PEKING'S MASSIVE EFFORT TO MODERNIZE ITS SCIENTIFIC ESTABLISHMENT/REMOVE MIND-NUMBING POL INTERFERENCES IT CONCEDES HAS KEPT IT SCIENTIFICALLY BACKWARD. SAYS "ANOTHER MAJOR REDIRECTION" ANNOUNCED BY CURRENT PEKING MTG OF SCIENTISTS/OTHERS-- OPENING OF DOOR MORE WIDELY TO SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES W/OTHER COUNTRIES--IS APT BE "PARTICULARLY WELCOMED" BY US DOS OFFICIALS WHO HAVE BEEN SEEKING WAYS INCREASE NONOFFICIAL CONTACT W/PRC, SINCE FORMAL RELS REMAIN THWARTED BY DIFFERENCES OVER TAIWAN. OBSERVES CHINESE UNLIKELY AVAIL THEMSELVES OF ADVANCED SCIENTIFIC TECHNOLOGY FROM SOVIETS, SO US BECOMES IDEAL SOURCE OF SCIENTIFIC KNOW-HOW.

LAT'S MATHEWS (HK 3/29) CITES TENG HSIAO-PING'S 3/18 ANNOUNCEMENT OF GREATER FREEDOM FROM POL CONTROLS/EXTRA FUNDING/MORE TIME IN LABS FOR SCIENTISTS. REPORTS WESTERN SCIENTISTS WHO HAVE RECENTLY TRAVELED IN PRC ARE SKEPTICAL ABOUT PEKING'S ABILITY CLOSE TECHNOLOGICAL GAP BY END OF CENTURY, AS TENG FORECASTS, BUT THAT PEOPLE LIKE HARVARD SINOLOGIST HOFHEINZ SAYS CHINESE SCIENTISTS APPEAR CONVINCED THEY WILL HAVE FULL POL/ECON SUPPORT FROM GOVT.

MATHEWS FINDS TENG'S STATEMENT "STARTLING DEPARTURE FROM MAOIST POLICY," RECITES HOW HIS SHOW OF SUPPORT SHARPLY CONTRASTS W/TREATMENT DEALT SCIENTISTS DURING POL UP-HEAVALS OF PAST DECADE. FEELS CHANGE REFLECTS NOT ONLY TENG'S IMPATIENCE FOR IDEOLOGY, BUT WHAT APPEARS WIDE-SPREAD ACKNOWLEDGEMENT W/IN LEADEERSHIP THAT SCIENCE MUST BE SUPPORTED IF PRC CAN EVER OVERCOME ITS TECHINCAL/ECON BACKWARDNESS. CITES HOFHEINZ BELIEF THAT, WITH FEW
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EXCEPTIONS, SUCH AS NUKE SCIENCE/ACUPUNCTURE ANESTHESIA/SEISMOLOGY/GEOPHYSICS, CHINESE SCIENTISTS OPERATE AT LEVEL OF US UNDERGRADUATE STUDY. NOTES NAS' MARY BROWN BULLOCK SAYS PEKING HAS AGREED INCREASE NUMBER OF OFFICIAL SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES W/US FROM 10 LAST YR TO 12 THIS YR, THO MANY MORE US SCIENTISTS BEING ADMITTED TO CHINA W/ UNIVERSITY GROUPS AND AS TOURISTS.

SAYS HOFHEINZ FINDS TROUBLESOME INDICATIONS THAT CHINESE SCIENTISTS HAVE NOT MASTERED EMPIRICAL METHOD. THEY NOT ONLY DON'T REPORT FAILURES, BUT OFTEN DON'T EVEN TAKE INITIAL STEP OF DEVELOPING THEROY--W/RESULT THAT THEY TEND CONFIRM OTHER PEOPLE'S THEORIES, INSTEAD OF MAKING OWN

BREAKTHROUGHS. HOFHEINZ HOLD THAT SO LONG AS THIS TRUE

IS UNREASONABLE FOR PRC TALK OF CATCHING UP WITH REST OF
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